

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (amended) A carrier system for transporting equipment, said carrier system comprising:

a vehicle having a cargo bed having a bottom surface and side surfaces; at least one carrier surface;

at least one elongated frame member mounted on ~~said at least one carrier surface~~ in said cargo bed in direct contact with said cargo bed to form a low profile system;

a slot formed in said at least one elongated frame member;

an inverted rim extending along at least one edge of said slot; and

equipment mounting hardware having at least one indent for engaging said inverted rim to attach said equipment mounting hardware ~~mounted to said slot~~ on said at least one elongated frame member.

2. (canceled)

3. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said at least one carrier surface in said cargo bed includes:

a truck bed on said vehicle.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said slot includes:

a C shaped slot.

7. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said slot includes:
a C shaped slot; and
a spring nut contained in said C shaped slot for attaching said equipment mounting hardware to said elongated frame member.
8. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:
sports equipment mounting hardware.
9. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:
cargo mounting hardware.
10. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:
at least one hook for attaching cargo securing devices.
11. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:
at least one loop for attaching cargo securing devices.
12. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:
hardware for attaching a compartment to said elongated frame member.